

PATENT APPLICATION

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| In re Application of: |) | Examiner: Rashawn N. Tillery |
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| Application No.: 09/368,496 | :) | Group Art Unit: 2612 |
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$\frac{\text{RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT}}{\text{AND AMENDMENT}}$

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 17, 2003, Applicant submits the following Election, and respectfully requests that the above-identified application be amended as follows.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first-class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on

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ELECTION

Applicant hereby elects the claims of Group II, namely Claims 7-11.